advanced to 1st January 2000 instead of 1st January 2002 could lead to an increased market access for our textiles and clothing products.

India, had coordinated its position on the implementation issue on growth-on-growth with certain other textile exporting countries, including the ITCB member countries, and sought a satisfactory resolution of this issue. This was however strongly opposed by the United States and certain other restraining countries. The issue could therefor not be successfully resolved by 31st July 2002.

(b) India has raised the issue of non-adherence to the deadline on this implementation issue as mandated by the Doha Ministerial Conference at the WTO and various bi-lateral meetings with major trading countries.

(c) and (d) As part of ongoing market acess negotiations on non-agricultural products at the WTO, countries are presently engaged in deciding on modalities for reduction of tariffs. Separately in the context of bilateral discussions EU has conveyed its interest in a market access package, requiring India to make duty concessions to the EU for increased market access that they may provide.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 18TH NOVEMBER, 2002*

Functioning of the CGHS Dispensaries

*1. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from the beneficiaries of the Central Government Health Scheme that attendance of doctors and para-medical staff is not satisfactory in dispensaries and medicines are generally not avilable and also medical equipments like X-ray machines are not in working condition; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the conditions in CGHS dispensaries and hospitals?

*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Monday, the 18th November, 2002 was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Shri Narendra Mohan, a sitting Member of the House. Answers to questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, the 20th November, 2002.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. Certain complaints are received from the beneficiaries from time to time about unsatisfactory attendance of the officers and staff, shortage of medicines and non-functioning of medical equipments in some of CGHS dispensaries. There is an inbuilt mechanism to improve the functioning of CGHS dispensaries by way of inspectioin, supervision and guidance by the Senior Officers of the CGHS. Necessary instructions are also issued from time to time to improve the punctuality and behaviour of officers and staff of CGHS dispensaries. A Task Force was also constituted on 28.12.2001 to conduct surprise checks of dispensaries under CGHS, Delhi. to look into the aspects of punctuallty, behaviour and availability of medicines. Instructions have also been issued to constitute special Inspection Teams in other CGHS covered cities as well.

At present, the availability of medicines in CGHS dispensaries is not adeuqate, but inconvenience to the beneficiaries on this account is minimised by purchasing mediicines from the authorised local chemists appointed by the CGHS. Steps are in hand to procure essential and frequently used medicines at the earliest.

Certain medical equipment like X-Ray machines in some CGHS Dispensaries/Polyclinics are not in a working condition and their repair is being attended to.

Mala-fide propaganda by Pakistan

†*2. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to ban PTV apart from other measures to counter the mala-fide propaganda by Pakistan;

(b) whether a special group comprising high officials, constituted for the purpose by Government has submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.